

18. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein steps (a) - (c) are repeated at additional designated times.

26. (Amended) A method for comparing levels of ischemia in patients at rest and during exercise, comprising:

- (a) application of the method of claim 19 at a first designated time,
- (b) administration of an exercise test followed by a second application of the method of claim 19, and
- (c) comparing the results of the application of the method of claim 19 prior to administration of the exercise test with the results of the application of the method of claim 19 after administration of the exercise test.

27. (Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein steps (a) - (c) are repeated at additional designated times.

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments, claims 17, 18, 26 and 27 have been amended to clarify the invention. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at page 4, lines 28-29; page 21, lines 19-25; and page 22, line 23 to page 24, line 6.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. If this is in error, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-5117.

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APPENDIX

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, Applicants submit a marked up version of the amended claims.

17. (Amended) A method for comparing levels of ischemia in patients at rest and during exercise, comprising [application of the following steps at designated times]:

- (a) application of the method of claim 1 or 9 at a first designated time,
 - (b) administration of an exercise [treadmill] test followed by a second application of the same method employed in step (a), and
 - (c) comparing the results of step (a) with the results obtained in step (b) [, and
 - (d) repeating steps (a) and (b) at additional designated times,
- wherein results obtained [designated] at each designated time are compared].

18. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein steps (a) - (c) are repeated at additional [said] designated times [are three months, six months and one year].

26. (Amended) A method for comparing levels of ischemia in patients at rest and during exercise, comprising [application of the following steps at designated times]:

- (a) application of the method of claim 19 at a first designated time,
 - (b) administration of an exercise [treadmill] test followed by a second application of the method of claim 19, and
 - (c) comparing the results of the application of the method of claim 19 prior to administration of the exercise [treadmill] test with the results of the application of the method of claim 19 after administration of the exercise [treadmill] test [, and
 - (d) repeating steps (a) and (b) at additional designated times,
- wherein results obtained at said designated times are compared].

27. (Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein steps (a) - (c) are repeated at additional [said] designated times [are three months, six months and one year].